

**Vignobles Jean Royer 2012 Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Les Sables de la Crau****Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône****Red wine from France****Drinking window: 2018 - 2024**

Bright ruby-red. Deeply pitched red and dark berry scents are enlivened by spice and mineral notes and a hint of fresh flowers. Round and fleshy on entry, then tighter in the mid-palate, offering sappy black raspberry and cherry compote flavors and a touch of cola. In a rich, weighty style for this producer, with strong finishing punch and smooth tannins framing the wine's lush berry fruit.

**Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: February 2015**

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While this estate has long been among the most consistent producers of elegant--dare I say Burgundian--wines in the appellation, recent vintages have provided somewhat richer, fleshier renditions of Châteauneuf than I found here through the 2000s. Winemaking here couldn't be more traditional: the estate does not seek to harvest superripe fruit, they practice a gentle extraction, and there's virtually new new oak in Royer's rudimentary cellar. Wine lovers who decry what they perceive to be a movement toward "modern" rich and weighty wines in the region are enthusiastically advised to check out these wines, which also offer superb bang for the buck.

**Grape Variety**

Grenache

**Release price**

€79.00